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East Fork of the Virgin River Distribution System Meeting
March 5, 1985,
Orderville, Utah

Mr. Richard B. Hall called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. and introduced Jerry L. Bronicel from the Salt Lake Distribution Office and Gerald W. Stoker from the Cedar City Office.

The minutes of the March 13, 1984 meeting were read by Mr. Bronicel. With no corrections or additions, a motion to accept them as read was made by Cleve Esplin. Seconded by Norm Carroll. Motion carried.

Mr. Hall indicated that from the Sno-tel data, the 1985 season should be a fairly normal year.

Mr. Hall read the 1984 financial report indicating the State Engineer's records showed a balance of distribution trust funds as of January 1, 1984 of \$737.76. Total assessments during the year amounted to \$916.45 with expenditures against that of \$857.49, leaving a balance on hand, as of December 31, 1984, of \$796.72. Bernard Tait moved to accept the 1984 financial statement as read. Seconded by C. F. Cleveland. Motion carried.

Mr. Hall explained the states attempt to obtain interest on the distribution trust fund account by placing the money into an investment or "sweep" checking account. This type of account is currently returning 8% interest, which could amount to approximately 2-3% of the systems total annual budget. An arbitrary formula would be derived to pro-rate each individuals systems interest monthly. Motion was made to pursue this plan by Robert Ramsay. Seconded by Roger Chamberlain. Motion carried.

The 1984 commissioner's report was given by Gerry Hoyt, stating it had been a good water year with turns starting on June 17, when the river went to 80%. However, it then started a rainy period and 100% was again available and even flooding problems, but received co-operation from the users on the system. The commissioner voiced some concerns with measuring devices on the system, but that those problems should be rectified by the 1985 season. Mr. Hoyt stated that the pipe at the Orderville diversion had been measured on July 1, 1984 and that it could hold only 87% of its first class water right. Sharon Lamb stated that there had been no problem with the ranches "pooling" their rights in the past and they would give Gerry their schedule when water drops below 100%. There had been some problem with tampering with settings of head gates. Mr. Hall suggested a line item be set in the budget to buy locks for these gates, which should minimize the problem. A motion to accept the 1984 commissioner's report was made by Mr. Cleveland and seconded by Mr. Chamberlain. Motion passed.

Mr. Hall went over the State Engineer's field review of the system during 1984 and discussed the various problems with diversions and measuring devices observed on the system.

